

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1.-11. (canceled)

12. (original) A recording apparatus for reproducing information recorded on a recording medium by utilizing near-field light, the recording apparatus, comprising:

an aperture element having a microscopic aperture to create or scatter near-field light;

a light illuminating means for illuminating illumination light mixed with different two of modulation frequency light to the recording medium such that near-field light is created on a surface of the recording medium;

a first light detecting means for scattering the created near-field light by the microscopic aperture and detecting propagation light having one of the two modulation frequencies, turning this into a reproduced signal;

a second light detecting means for scattering the created near-field light by the microscopic aperture and detecting propagation light having the other of the two modulation frequencies, turning this into a control signal;